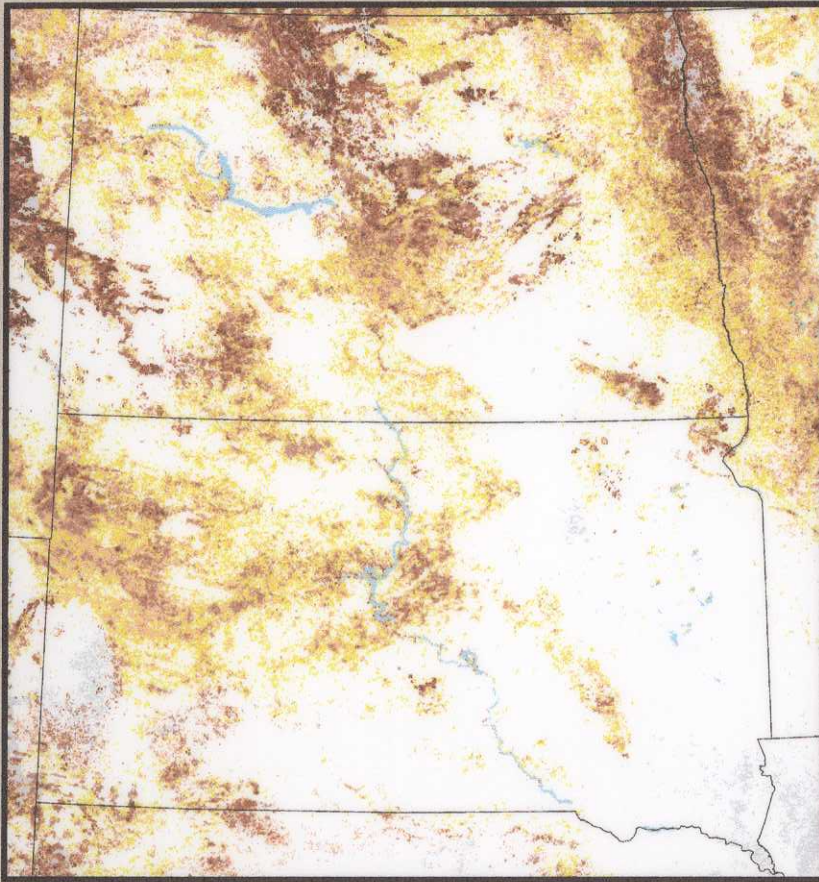
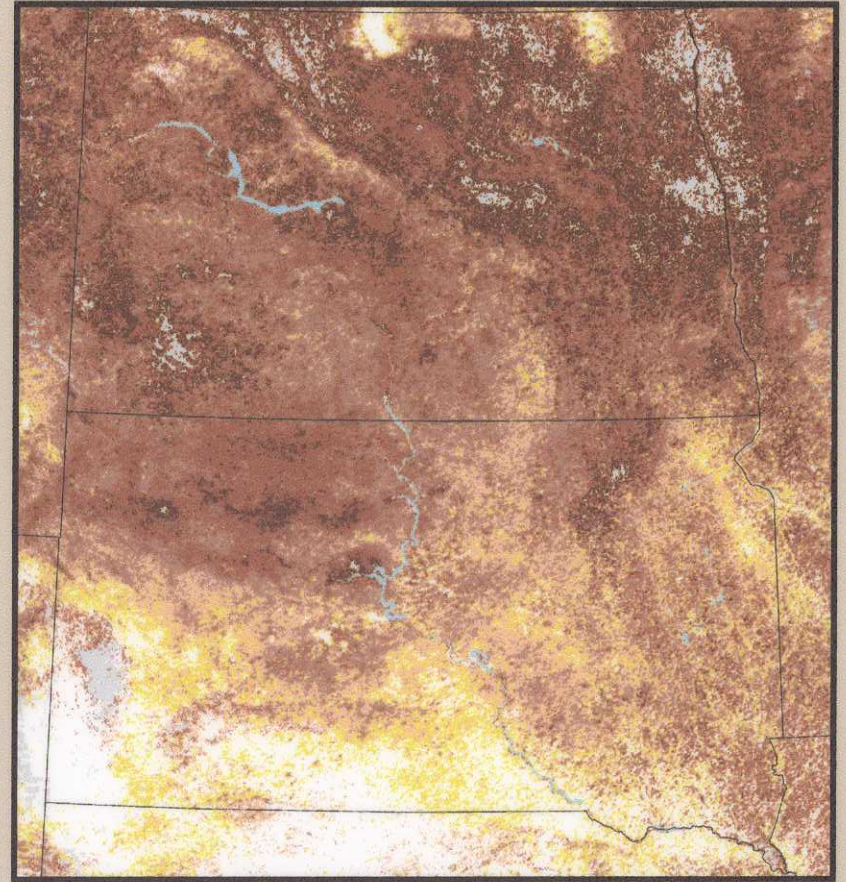


Vegetation Condition in the Dakotas



May 29, 2001



May 30, 2002

Researchers at the USGS EROS Data Center use satellite images to compare current conditions with previous years and with the recent historical past to identify regions of below average vegetation greenness.

This experimental product is being used in combination with climate data from the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska to identify regions that are affected by unusually dry climatic conditions.

The two satellite images illustrate vegetation condition for May 29, 2001 and May 30, 2002. The light areas showing 100% or better than average conditions predominate in 2001. However, most of the Dakotas are experiencing 60% or less of average vegetation greenness in 2002.

